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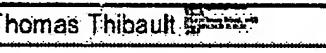
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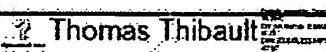
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Dear Mr. Wright:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of April 21, 2005, please consider the following amendment and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.